

**Guidelines Regarding Internet Bandwidth  
Procurement of 10 Mbps and Above**

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**Background**

The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is the neutral meeting point of the Internet Service Provider (ISPs) in India. Its main purpose is to facilitate exchange of domestic Internet traffic between the peering Internet Service Provider members. This enables more efficient use of international bandwidth, saving foreign exchange. It also improves the Quality of Services for the customers of member ISPs, by avoiding multiple international hops and thus reducing latency.

Right now, there are almost 100 Internet Service providers all over India connected to National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI). In Maharashtra there are more than 30 Internet Service providers connected to National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI), Navi Mumbai.

To encourage domestic internet traffic packets remaining within the country, the Government of Maharashtra has decided to mandate connectivity to National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) for internet connection of 10 Mbps and above.

**Government Resolution**

While procuring any internet bandwidth in government department having 10 Mbps and above (at one location), it should be encouraged that the Internet Service Provider (ISP) should be connected to nearest National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) Point of Presence (POP). The tender, contract document, purchase order and all other document related to bandwidth procurement by all the Government Department, Government Undertakings, PSUs etc. have clauses to this effect.

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